

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee), member of the House Budget Committee, made the following statement in response to the President's budget just submitted to Congress:

"The President's budget is clearly austere, and it's also realistic about the cuts we have to make. He knows that we have to do this in a responsible way – unlike my Republican colleagues who recently introduced legislation that makes deep and drastic cuts that will immediately cost jobs and threaten our recovery.

"I'm glad that the President included revenue raisers – like finally letting the Bush tax cuts expire and ending subsidies to oil companies. Americans can stand to be told the truth, we can't just cut and grow. We can't balance our budget on spending cuts alone. As a share of our economy, Federal taxes are the lowest they have been since the 1950s. To get out of this, everyone must share in the pain.

"I'm concerned about cuts to help low-income folks heat their homes because we know cold winters in Wisconsin. I'm concerned about cuts to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative because we know how important Lake Michigan is to Wisconsin's economy, history and legacy.

"As a member of the Budget Committee, I am going to fight. During these times of austerity, I'm going to fight for struggling working families so that they can have a good future. I'm going to fight for students and make sure that we aren't putting their futures on hold. I'm going to partner with the President on forward looking initiatives so that we can leave our children and grandchildren a better America."

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